

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for managing a convenience store supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:
 - 3 a) receiving data from a plurality of convenience store outlets of a convenience store
4 supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of convenience store
5 products and services by the convenience store outlets;
 - 6 b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering convenience
7 store products and services from a convenience store distributor of the
8 convenience store supply chain;
 - 9 c) transmitting the data to the convenience store distributor of the convenience store
10 supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) transmitting the data to a convenience store supplier of the convenience store
12 supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) forecasting activity in the convenience store supply chain utilizing the data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 convenience store distributors and convenience store suppliers.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the convenience
2 store outlets, the convenience store distributor, the convenience store supplier via
3 a network-based interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the convenience store
2 distributor and the convenience store supplier only after verification of an identity
3 thereof.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the convenience store outlets, the convenience
2 store distributor, and the convenience store supplier each forecast utilizing the
3 data.

1 7. A system for managing a convenience store supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:

- 3 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of convenience store outlets of a
4 convenience store supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of
5 convenience store by the convenience store outlets;
6 b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering
7 convenience store from a convenience store distributor of the convenience store
8 supply chain;
9 c) logic for transmitting the data to the convenience store distributor of the
10 convenience store supply chain utilizing the network;
11 d) logic for transmitting the data to a convenience store supplier of the convenience
12 store supply chain utilizing the network; and
13 e) logic for forecasting activity in the convenience store supply chain utilizing the
14 data.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 convenience store distributors and convenience store suppliers.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the convenience
2 store outlets, the convenience store distributor, the convenience store supplier via
3 a network-based interface.

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the convenience store
2 distributor and the convenience store supplier only after verification of an identity
3 thereof.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the convenience store outlets, the convenience
2 store distributor, and the convenience store supplier each forecast utilizing the
3 data.
- 1 13. A computer program product for managing a convenience store supply chain
2 utilizing a network, comprising:
3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of convenience store outlets of a
4 convenience store supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of
5 convenience store by the convenience store outlets;
6 b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for
7 ordering convenience store from a convenience store distributor of the
8 convenience store supply chain;
9 c) computer code for transmitting the data to the convenience store distributor of the
10 convenience store supply chain utilizing the network;
11 d) computer code for transmitting the data to a convenience store supplier of the
12 convenience store supply chain utilizing the network; and
13 e) computer code for forecasting activity in the convenience store supply chain
14 utilizing the data.
- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match
2 each of a plurality of convenience store distributors and convenience store
3 suppliers.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible
2 to the convenience store outlets, the convenience store distributor, the
3 convenience store supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the
2 convenience store distributor and the convenience store supplier only after
3 verification of an identity thereof.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the convenience store
2 outlets, the convenience store distributor, and the convenience store supplier each
3 forecast utilizing the data.